

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-13, 17-22, 26, and 27 and amended claims 1, 14-16, 23-25, 28, and 29 are in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, 24, 25, 28, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,890 to Winkelman.

Independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites in part as follows:

“wherein said input common processing means performs noise reduction processing, NTSC processing, or MPEG processing.”

This Amendment conforms to the claim language approved, indeed recommended, by the CAFC in SuperGuide Corp. v. Direct TV, 69 USPQ 2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Feb. 12, 2004).

In explaining, the above 102 rejection, the Examiner appears to rely on elements 8 and 8c of Fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 52-55 of Winkelman for teaching a common processing means. It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Winkelman as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter “Winkelman”) do not appear to disclose the above recited feature of claim 1. Accordingly, amended independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Winkleman.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claims 14-16, 23-25, 28, and 29 are believed to be distinguishable from Winkleman.

Claims 4, 8, and 12 depend from claim 1, and due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Winkleman.

Claims 2, 5, 9, 17, 20, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,668,890 to Winkleman in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,189,050 to Sakarda.

Claims 2, 5, 9, 17, 20, and 26 depend from one of claims 1, 16, and 25, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Winkleman. The Examiner does not appear to have relied on Sakarda to overcome the above-described deficiency of Winkleman. Accordingly, claims 2, 5, 9, 17, 20, and 26 are believed to be distinguishable over the applied combination of Winkleman and Sakarda for at least the reasons previously described.

Claims 7, 11, 13, 22, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,668,890 to Winkelman.

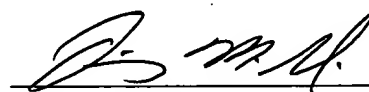
Claims 7, 11, 13, 22, and 27 depend from one of claims 1, 16, and 25, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Winkleman for at least the reasons previously described.

In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference or references, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-29 and the allowance of this application with claims 1-29 are respectfully requested.

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